

Subject: Happy Thanksgiving from Councilmember Koretz and CD5 Staff
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November 22, 2017

Dear friends,

I want to wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving from my family and the CD 5 staff.

Thanksgiving is a time to join with family and friends and give thanks for the blessings that we enjoy every day. I know that there are many who are struggling and working to make ends meet and this time of year can be especially hard. Along with those struggles we can find gratitude and generosity in our community and neighborhoods.

I am so honored to represent the active and caring citizens in Council District 5. My staff and I are humbled by the incredible efforts of individuals, families, neighborhood groups, community organizations, local businesses, schools and places of worship that make up our community. It is our honor to get to know you and serve with you to improve the quality of life for our community and neighbors. My staff and I would also like to express our gratitude for our City employees, who work hard every day to provide you with services and amenities.

We wish for you a time full of warmth and happiness surrounded by loving friends and family.

Warmly,

PAUL KORETZ

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Councilmember Koretz Introduces Motion to Update LA Animal Services Software

As the Los Angeles Department of Animal Services (LAAS) continues its push to achieve the 90% "live release" No Kill threshold throughout the City's animal shelter system, it has become clear that the decades-old software used by LAAS to manage its animal population and related operations is inadequate to accommodate the department's increasingly complex and sophisticated needs.

To that end, Councilmember Koretz introduced a motion this week instructing LAAS to undertake a Request for Information (RFI) process to solicit presentations on new software that may better suit LAAS's evolving shelter and animal management requirements. The intention is to support the department with the most up-to-date, dynamic software for real-time data management and robust animal adoption interface. The department uses management software to track shelter intake, adoptions and euthanizations, as well as related matters such as dog licensing, microchipping and spay/neuter.

The motion was referred to the City Council's Personnel and Animal Welfare Committee for further consideration. Upon the motion's receiving full Council approval, Animal Services would be expected to launch the RFI process in 2018.

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NEXT STOP: ORANGE LINE IMPROVEMENTS





The Metro Orange Line has been operating successfully since it opened in 2005. New funding provides up to \$286 million to improve the existing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service in the San Fernando Valley. The Metro Orange Line updates seek to provide safe and cost-effective strategies to increase operating speeds, capacity, and safety, while addressing passenger needs and minimizing disruption to San Fernando Valley residents.

Please join one of the following community open house meetings to learn more about the project and provide your feedback. Content provided at the meetings will be identical. Presentations start 30 minutes after the indicated start time.

NORTH HOLLYWOOD

Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 6-8pm

North Hollywood Recreation Center
11430 Chandler Bl
North Hollywood, CA 91601

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CANOGA PARK

Thursday, November 30, 2017, 6-8pm

Rose Goldwater Community Center
21710 Vanowen St
Canoga Park, CA 91303

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VAN NUYS

Saturday, December 2, 2017, 10am-12pm

Marvin Braude Constituent Center
6262 Van Nuys Bl
Van Nuys, CA 91401

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LIVE WEBINAR

Thursday, December 7, 2017, 6:30pm

The live webinar will include the same presentation that is presented at the other three meetings and will be available in English and Spanish

at: tinyurl.com/metroorangeline

All Metro meetings are held in ADA

accessible facilities and are accessible by transit. Spanish translation provided. ADA accommodations and other translations are available by calling 323.466.3876 or California Relay Service at 711 at least 72 hours in advance.



For those unable to attend a meeting, comments will also be accepted via mail, email and the [online comment form](#):

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Sign Up for Free Emergency Alerts from NotifyLA.org

[NotifyLA](#) is a free, automated system used to send out alerts to the public about emergency and critical incidents from the City of Los Angeles. It can reach the public via recorded telephone messages, text messages and emails as part of its mass notification system used to



provide information regarding necessary actions, such as evacuations, to Los Angeles residents, businesses and other subscribers in case of emergencies or critical situations. Because NotifyLA uses the 911 database, only land-line numbers are automatically included in the system. [In order to receive a notification via your cell phone, Voice over IP \(VoIP\) number or email, you must register those telephone numbers and/or e-mail address in NotifyLA](#). NotifyLA uses geomapping, so alerts are targeted by geographic location. That means, alerts will only be sent to the subscribers in the area impacted by the emergency.

Why are these messages important? This information will keep the public informed when a disaster occurs and, in some cases, will provide preemptive warnings .

Who will receive the communication? Landline phone numbers are automatically included in the system from information contained in the 9-1-1 database. Residents can opt into receiving text messages, calls to cell phones and emails by signing up for NotifyLA. **Registration is FREE.**

Is my personal information safe? Yes. The information you enter into NotifyLA is secure. The City of Los Angeles will not share or distribute any personal information and it will be used solely for providing emergency notifications only.

While every attempt will be made to contact residents and businesses in response to an emergency, there are factors that may impact the completion of those calls. These factors can include loss of electrical power, telephone company line capacity, busy signals, caller ID blocking, etc.

Are You Prepared for Wet Weather?

Each year, LA Sanitation (LASAN) prepares itself as well as Los Angeles residents and businesses for the rainy season that is officially October 15 through April 15, but the heaviest rains are expected December to February.



Click on the image (right) for the complete 2-page flyer that provides helpful tips to prepare for the rain and mitigate emergencies. Or go to their website www.LACitySan.org/wetweather


Need help? Call LA Sanitation's 24-hour customer care center: 1-800-773-2489 or follow their social media @LACITYSAN for updates and information.

TEAM KORETZ OUT IN THE COMMUNITY

LA DOT Western District Office Holiday Party

A special thank you to the Western District LADOT office for always helping Council District 5. Their entire staff is wonderful. Anytime we ask for assistance, they are the most responsive. We are so grateful to



work with these professional and solution oriented engineers. 

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Thanksgiving Dinners Available For All

Please join Guru Ram Das Ashram Community (1618 Preuss Road) for a vegetarian/vegan Thanksgiving meal or feel free to attend the Westside Thanksgiving Community dinner at the West LA Civic Center (1645 Corinth Avenue). All are welcome! See the flyers below for event details:

Happy Thanksgiving from Councilmember Koretz...





Adopt Some Love

Looking for a new furry companion? Check out these LA Animal Shelter animals of the Week from the East Valley City Animal Shelter. Please come meet our dogs and cats (and bunnies) – they need homes now. The shelters are open Tuesday through Saturday 8 am to 5 pm; Sunday 11 am to 5 pm (closed Mondays). Click on any photo below for details.



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